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AMERICAN HISTORY TEACHER NOMINATIONS NEEDED

Frankfort, KY (April 27, 2004) – The Kentucky Historical Society announces the national *Preserve America* History Teacher of the Year Award program to honor outstanding teachers of American history across the country. KHS is administering the state contest for *Preserve America*, a multifaceted initiative of the White House supported through partnerships with various history organizations. Nominations will be accepted through May 15, 2004.

Kentucky history teachers, K-12, are eligible for nomination and will be selected based on the following criteria:

- a deep career commitment to teaching American history
- evidence of creativity and imagination in the classroom
- close attention to documents, artifacts, historic sites and other primary materials of history
- demonstrated effectiveness in improving students' knowledge of and enthusiasm for American history

Kentucky's "History Teacher of the Year" will receive a \$1,000 cash prize, a plaque and an archive of primary source material donated by the Gilder-Lehrman Institute of American History, for use in his/her school's library. Kentucky's finalist will be nominated for the "National History Teacher of the Year" award.

For more information about this program, please call (502) 564-1792, ext. 4475 or visit the Web at http://history.ky.gov/Teachers/am_hist_teach.htm.

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The Kentucky Historical Society, since 1836, has provided *connections to the past, perspective on the present and inspiration for the future*. KHS operates the Old State Capitol, Kentucky Military History Museum and its five-year-old headquarters, the Kentucky History Center. Since 1999, the \$30 million History Center has welcomed almost **one million visitors**. For more information about the Kentucky Historical Society and its programs, visit the Web at <http://history.ky.gov> or call (502) 564-1792.